

CRAFTY KOOLAU.

HE HAD A CODE OF SIGNALS.

HOW HIS SISTER FOOLED THE POLICE.

The Hunted Man Supplies a Dying Soldier With Water.

Natives Tell Remarkable Stories.

(Written for the ADVERTISER.)

Koolau is not the desperate villain which the Oahu or Honolulu people seem to think. From his childhood he was employed by the Knudsen family at their home at Waiawa, Kaula, and as he grew older his fine horsemanship, clever mountaineering and pleasant ways made him a man much sought after by picnic parties to Halemau or Little Norway, a few miles from the cliffs overlooking Kalahele, while his unerring rifle was always sure to bring food of some sort to the hungry campers. It was only six months ago that he was finally declared a leper, and asking for a few days respite before going to Molokai, he in the meantime escaped to Kalahele and joined the leper colony there. It is said that the main reason for escaping was because of the refusal of the authorities to allow his wife and child to accompany him to Molokai. Kalahele natives who have visited Kekaha or Waiawa since the "war," tell many interesting stories of Koolau, some of which are here repeated. Koolau claims the first shot fired at Stoltz was an accident and knowing there was no love lost between them, and that Stoltz was quick to shoot with both pistol and rifle, he took careful aim and shot him through the heart. His story is that as Stoltz came down the valley with a leper in charge, another leper who was with Koolau in his cottage went out to try and rescue the arrested leper. Koolau went along, and as they neared Stoltz Koolau's friend advanced to attempt a rescue, while Koolau hid behind a rock. Stoltz covered the companion of Koolau with his rifle, and Koolau covered Stoltz in case any attempt at shooting was made. It was quite dark at the time but not so dark that objects could be seen a little way off. Stoltz was standing on the side of a little hill and as he started to raise himself about a foot onto a ledge of rock, Koolau on following his movements slipped on a stone, and having his hand on the trigger, the gun went off just as Stoltz rose up, and he heard him say he was shot, and Koolau in order to save himself, and as he says, to put Stoltz out of misery deliberately fired to pierce his heart, which he succeeded in doing. It was only when the troops arrived that Koolau took to the bush with his wife and child. After the troops had taken up their positions, together with the police, Koolau used to come down every night through the picket lines and pull taro, sweet potatoes and get fish and poi. He says the police pickets kept on watch until dark, then went back to camp, where he often watched them playing cards, and just before break of day the police pickets took up their faithful picket posts again. Where the camp was found, which evidently showed that a company of eight people had slept the night before, Koolau says that was an invention of his to make it appear that he had a large number of comrades, as it was himself only who laid down for a while in each of the eight places to make the impression of a recumbent body. The morning Anderson was shot, he says he had a very narrow escape. He had been down to the lower valley during the night, and had returned to the camp mentioned above with some poi, taro, sweet potatoes, food, etc., having passed the picket lines before the pickets were back on them. He had taken two loads of food up, leaving his rifle at the stronghold with his wife, but on starting on the third time, his wife entreated him to take his rifle with him, which he did. Just as he was about to pick up the bag of taro found by the soldiers, he heard them coming up the trail, and as he dashed up his trail, he saw several of them as they passed below him. Soon

they found his food supply, and then the trail up the sides of the cliff, and he picked his way carefully to avoid being seen or heard. Just before he got to the ledge, up which he had to climb to his stronghold, he saw Anderson and another soldier close up to him, but he was hid by the thick brush. He then suddenly realized that if he attempted to scale the ledge he would be exposed and shot, so he dropped behind a young bushy "Lehua" and saw Anderson advancing. He then realized that if the soldiers got by him and looked back he would be exposed; and if they gained the top of the ledge they might shoot his wife, who was dressed in masculine attire, thinking her to be Koolau. He determined to stop the advance, and, taking aim uphill as best he could, he waited until Anderson was just above him, when he fired and Anderson dropped—and such a flight of soldiers he says he never saw. They all fell in a heap over each other and rolled down the hill in disorder. Anderson fell very near him. Koolau waited until the soldiers were out of sight, and then hearing Anderson groan, he went to him and told him that he was Koolau, and asked if he could do anything for him; Anderson asked for water, which Koolau got from his stronghold and gave to him at frequent intervals. Complaining of pain in his wounds, Koolau moved him to a more comfortable position and took off some of his clothes, and then went down the valley to search for a medicinal fern to relieve the pain of the wound. He applied it, but Anderson was sinking fast, and only asked for water until he had drained Koolau's can; he asked for more, and while Koolau was down getting more water Anderson died, for he found him dead on his return. In regard to the second assault on the stronghold which caused McCabe's death, Koolau says he had been down during the night to the lower end of the valley, saw both the police and soldiers' camps, and successfully passed the soldiers' pickets by going along the mountain side, but found no police pickets on duty. He saw the party coming up to make the assault, and says he could have picked off every man, but did not want to commit wanton murder, but only murder to protect himself. As the party advanced he watched them, and when they drew near, his wife and child climbed further along the ledge, while he lay down before his loop-holed wall of stones. He says he felt great remorse at having to shoot McCabe because as he advanced he saw by his action that he was perfectly calm and fearless, while others of the party were "pupule," but being the advance, as soon as his head appeared above the ledge he blew the top of McCabe's head off. As soon as McCabe fell the others retreated in great disorder and he could easily have shot others, but had shed enough blood, and as long as left alone, did not want to kill for fun. As soon as McCabe fell, he discharged from three rifles about forty rounds of ammunition, his wife returning to fill the empty magazines. He says he did this to frighten the pursuers, and make them think a large number were concealed with him. He says and his own relatives do not deny, that all the time his sister and brother in law were talking or calling out to him, that he was carrying on a conversation with either of them, having previously arranged with his friends and relations that if ever they were called upon to act as decoys for his capture certain signals or words were to be mentioned so as to put him on his guard, and that he saw the signals and heard the words which told him, they were only decoys for the "haoles," and while one was shouting for him the other would talk with him. He says his sister advised him to leave the head of the valley as everybody was looking for him there, and to come down to the lower camp's neighborhood as he would be safer there, and less likely to be looked for. That night he, with his wife and child came down the valley and camped within 500 feet of Camp Dole, and as soon as Larsen took the expedition away he again had full run of the valley and related these stories to the inhabitants. When the expedition returned with W. O. Smith, attorney-general, he was not far from the beach in hiding, and watched the expedition reloaded and was very much amused to hear shortly that his sister had taken the party back to his stronghold to look for him. The episode in regard to his care of Anderson, if true, shows out the true character of the man and the usual kindness of the Hawaiians.

LAHAINALUNA SEMINARY.

The Term Will Open on the 11th of Next Month.

MR. EDITOR: Please notify your readers, for me, that Lahainaluna Seminary will open again on the 11th day of September next. The teaching force will be full and I expect a prosperous year. All boys who bring certificates of honorable dismissal from the school last attended, who are willing to work with hands and heads, and who have pursued the studies of the public school course as far as to include an elementary knowledge of fractions, will be welcomed. It is particularly desired that all boys, old and new, present themselves promptly at the beginning of the term.

HENRY S. TOWNSEND,
Principal,
Lahainaluna Seminary.

THE JAPANESE SCHEME.

Condemned at Hilo by Japanese and Others.

MR. EDITOR: I notice that there is an effort being made by Captain Ferguson to get a lot of Japanese to Guatemala. Now I write to ask that you will look into the matter. I am not pleased at all with it. Contracts are being made, but where is the responsibility. Does Captain Ferguson really represent the government at Guatemala truly? The men who have gone and may go can do better here; and, should we get annexation, can do much better still. They will be wanted at good prices. The men have had three years of experience here and are valuable men. But representations have been made to them, making them believe that they are going to do much better in Guatemala than here. They are going to blind it seems to me.

How does anyone know to a certainty that a treaty will be made between the two governments? When that is consummated, then, if all things are favorable, it is time enough to have Japanese go. That country is in an unsettled state—so much so that it makes it undesirable for people to reside in. Spanish lunas will be hard men to deal with. The Japanese generally are slow to acquire a new language. I understand the Japanese Consul is much opposed to his countrymen going. The Japanese will not get their rights as they get them here. There will be no redress for wrongs; I think, no security. Goods are higher there than here. Suppose they are not pleased, they will have to remain at any price the owner or manager may give them. The houses may be miserable shanties, so managers can do with them as they may please and there will be no redress. A manager here said to me that there is much underhand work being done. Good men are leaving good pay, believing that they will better themselves. Many sections of Guatemala are not healthy and they will have to get acclimated. No doubt the men will find that instead of their getting all that is promised them in the contract they will be greatly disappointed. At one time the Chinese did go there but do not now as they were not well treated. We find that Captain Ferguson, when he is at Neumann's office, leads the Japanese to suppose that what is said to them is all right, and the more Japs that are got out of Hawaii the more will be needed here on terms on which he will make a nice commission, no doubt. Mr. Okahe the missionary at Hilo is very much opposed to his countrymen going. The Japanese inspector in the employ of the board of immigration has been trying to induce the Japs to go, so the Japanese say. The best men here said to him that if he continued to induce men to go they would place men at his door and warn them against him. So please show this matter up and I think you will be doing a good deed.

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